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Doing Good: Coach Horse and April Hines

By Wallace Perry

Helping others has always been very important to the Hines family. As a result of their passion and commitment, Ronald and April Hines have given their adult lives to the youth of Southwest in ways that are second to none. In times when our youth can find it hard to resist the temptations of negative social distractions (drugs, alcohol, school truancy, etc.), the Hines couple has striven to keep the male and female youth of Southwest focused on becoming productive people in society.

Horse, as he is known in the community, is the guru volunteer within the SW community. He is best known for his commitment to the schools and recreation centers. At Jefferson Middle School he mentors, counsels, and assists the staff and faculty with issues from anti-social behaviors to leadership recommendations amongst the students. Coach Horse also doubles as the baseball coach and assistant coach of the boys basketball team. While already giving so much of his time at the school, Coach Horse also volunteers as the Little League and Senior League baseball coach at our local King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. Prior to coaching at Jefferson, he spent eight years coaching football teams at the #4 Boys/Girls Club (now defunct) and King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. In addition, over the past five years he has lead the 12 & under boys basketball team to the city-wide playoffs. And, just when you'd think he's done it all, he has been the Jefferson Middle School's head football coach for the past eight years— finally winning the City Championship after five attempts.

Coach Horse has developed an outstanding rapport with the youth and parents in the Southwest community. On any given day you can witness him making vital home visits and picking up as



well as dropping off kids after a game or special trip to the movies or Wizards games. I have often posed the question of why he gives back so much without complaint. His answer was not surprising: "Our kids today are exposed to lots of negative indicators, from social media and television displays of sexism, to fast food and its connection with youth obesity. A lot of these kids come from single parent families and it takes a whole village to make sure our kids are given the same opportunities as I had to prepare for adulthood."

April Hines has been equally known in the community as she nurtures our young ladies with a mother's delight. She too has volunteered at in Southwest's schools and recreation centers by mentoring and coaching the female basketball and softball teams. Miss April, as she is known by the youth, shares the same passion for sports with her husband, which has lead her to become one of the city's best female basketball officials. During basketball season you can catch her at the local high schools officiating top area boy/girl basketball games. At the recent first annual All City-State Championship games held at the Verizon Center, she was the official scorer. April has developed female programs that lecture teens on positive decision-making. She has engages teens in subject areas from developing social skills to parenting skills. Over the years April has help guided countless young ladies and men through high school and many on to college. Her all-girls outings are outstanding events that expose community youth to environmental and nature awareness through weekend camping trips. When tickets come available, April always welcomes the opportunity to engage a group of young ladies on a trip to the

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Spotlight on James Mills: So Much More Than Just a Fan

By Megan Schneider

As the 2012 NL East Division Champions return to the Nation's Capital for yet another exciting season, everyone from the players to the fans have reignited their Natitude.

On gamedays, fans shouting "Go Nats!" on the Metro and in Nationals Park can be heard echoing throughout Washington. But for Nationals usher and Harbour Square resident James Mills, these team cheers are a part of his everyday work environment.

Mills walks six blocks to Nationals Park and up to his post between Sections 318 and 319 on the Gallery Level to be a "Goodwill Ambassador" for the fans, many of whom he calls his "buddies." He views himself as a representative of the Nationals brand and always wears the Curly W with pride. During his walk to work, he is usually stopped about eight times each day by people asking about the team and offering words of support. Upon his arrival home after a big win, he could not be prouder to share all the details of the day's events with his neighbors. "That great emotional high," as he calls it, never

died and keeps growing each season. As a lifelong baseball fan, being part of the action was an opportunity Mills could not pass up.

"There's a shared feeling of ownership, a bond that wasn't here before the team was here," Mills said. "When [Bryce] Harper came in, when some of the new faces came in, everybody just jumped on board expecting wonderful things – and wonderful things happened." Mills, who became a member of the Nationals family in 2011 after attending a career fair, says, "Getting to work here and watch baseball as opposed to being in the stands, you feel a little more like you're sharing what's going on."

As a retiree of the United States Department of Justice, Mills' job as an usher is just one of the many activities he enjoys during his free time. He also volunteers for his church four mornings every week, as well as for the Kennedy Center during special events. "What a way to spend my time? Getting to know the things I like," said Mills, who remains hopeful that maybe one day, the Nationals will add another thing he likes to his post – a lazy boy recliner.



Sheila Wickowski interviewing Mera Rubell (left).

"Culture Navigators" and the Future of the Rubell Museum at the Randall School

By Sheila Wickowski

History is not something in the past, it's something we are making today. In the contemporary art world and in our Southwest neighborhood, Mera Rubell is making history now. My recent interview with Mera was not a question and answer session, but rather a conversation in which Mera shared her ideas about how to make art, specifically cutting

edge contemporary art, accessible to all.

Mera, who is well known in the art world as a collector, acknowledges how fortunate she is to be in a position to realize her life's ambitions through the world of contemporary art, a life which "would never have complexity and challenges without meeting artists and engaging in the language of creativity." This is the world she is excited to share and bring to the Southwest

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ANC 6D April Meeting Report

By B. K. Lunde

At the April ANC 6D meeting, Genevieve Hanson of the General Services Administration (GSA) presented the Federal Triangle South plan. This includes the Department of Energy's Forrestal buildings, both the FAA buildings, and GSA's Regional Office Building. In December, GSA issued a Request for Information on possible uses for these sites. They received eight responses and two letters of intent. They think that 6,000,000 square feet of usable space could be developed on these sites, while only 4,000,000 square feet is available now. Ms. Hanson said they want a rich mix of uses and to get away from the 9-to-5 occupancy. By late summer, they expect to issue a request for proposals to relocate the agencies that are on this site. She pointed out that the FAA has eight satellite offices and they need to consolidate divisions. She does not expect to see physical changes for five years or more. The project website is www.gsa.gov/federaltrianglesouth.

The cherry blossom events in the Southwest were a great success. About 60,000 people attended. The pre-fireworks activities included 147 volunteers, more than half of whom were from the live-aboard boating community.

Ronald Swanda from the DC Commission on Aging announced the creation of the Ward 6 Senior Network. He would like about seven volunteers from our ANC to be members of the network. You can reach him at DC.CO.A.

WARDS.SWADA@gmail.com or at 202-340-7708.

The commissioners unanimously supported writing a letter to Safeway asking that the street door to Starbucks inside Safeway be opened immediately, so patrons can use it and do not need to walk to the main Safeway door.

Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton wanted the commissioners to request the District Department of Traffic to return O St SW, between South Capitol St and Half St, to one way, going west. She said it had been one way, but it was made two way during construction of the apartment building on it. The other commissioners asked her to write up her request and bring it up at the next meeting.

Two documents about the KIPP@Randall High School Plan were distributed at the meeting. One was a brochure from KIPP saying that in just two weeks more than 300 SW Ward 6 residents, including two ANC Commissioners, Ed Kaminski and David Garber, and more than 1300 District residents supported their plan to build a high school at South Capitol and I St SW, along with upgraded athletic fields, a renovated swimming pool, and a new community center. The other document was a letter on ANC 6D letterhead to Mayor Grey correcting "the impression conveyed in a letter to you from two of our Commissioners misrepresenting that there is overwhelming support for the immediate development of a KIPP High School at the Randall Recreation Site in Southwest." It was dated

March 21 and signed by Andy Litsky, Roger Moffatt, Donna Hopkins, Rhonda Hamilton, and Ron McBee, but Andy Litsky said that no meeting of the commissioners had been held since the March 11 regular meeting. In their January meeting, the commission had voted unanimously to support a resolution to take no

substantial action regarding use of public land in Southwest until a small area plan was completed.

The next ANC 6D meeting will be Monday, May 13, at 7 PM. It will be in the DCRA Conference Room, 1100 4th St SW. It is expected to be a busy meeting, with three different Planned Unit Developments (PUD) to be presented.

Ending Hunger, One Step at a Time

By Corinne Scott

The Washington DC Crop Hunger Walk will be taking place on Saturday, May 18th. All are invited to join this sponsored walk to raise awareness and funds for local hunger fighting agencies and international relief and development programs, through Church World Service. The walk begins at 9:30 a.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th and I St SW. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The 3 K walk will wind through several neighborhoods of Southwest and conclude back at Westminster.

This marks the sixth year that this walk has been held in Southwest, with walking teams from a number of church and community groups participating, including Riverside Baptist, Christ United Methodist, St. Augustine's Episcopal, St. Dominic's Roman Catholic, in addition to Westminster Presbyterian Church, as well as the Collaborative, Friends of the South-

west Duck Pond, and others.

CROP Hunger Walks take place in 2,000 communities all across the United States with the goal of fighting hunger in the United States and around the world. The DC Walk contributes 25 percent of money raised to Martha's Table and DC Hunger Solutions, an advocacy organization, plus contributes canned goods for the food pantry of Edgewood/ Brookland Family Support Collaborative, serving Wards 5 and 6. Last year, more than 170 walkers raised over \$23,500 through the Washington DC CROP Hunger Walk. This year's goal is to increase walkers and amount raised by at least 10%.

For more information and to participate in the walk, contact: Walk Coordinator: LeVatrice Nora-Meullion lnorameullion@gmail.com; Treasurer: Corinne Scott davicors@gmail.com; Recruiter Coordinator: Ruth Beaver scream8491@verizon.net.

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From *The Southwester* Staff: May

Over this past month, *The Southwester* has undergone a top-to-bottom change in staff. As this is our first issue, we wanted to lay out our strategic vision for our community newspaper. We believe *The Southwester* should be a mix of neighborhood highlights as well as a chronology for our community's archives. Since the 1960s *The Southwester* has provided the residents of the capital's smallest quadrant with achievements by our youth, highlights of goings on, and recognition of leaders in our community-- we hope to expand this great tradition.

In keeping with this custom, our vision includes a monthly column called "Doing Good" where we highlight a person or group who is making a positive impact in our community. Also, we know that a community is only as good as what its residents put into it; therefore, we will highlight volunteering opportunities so our residents can be that impact. And lastly, we hope to help our readers discover areas of the neighborhood which they may not have before visited.

For example, did you know we have an amazing Indian restaurant (*Lucky Kebab*; see the crossword)? Or, that two aquatic-themed statues stand steps away on the waterfront in the Titanic Memorial and Maine Lobsterman? How about that Southwest is not only home to nine Capital Bikeshare (CaBi) stations, but also the home to nine Smithsonian Museums?

In essence, we believe a newspaper is a medium for community outreach. To that end, we do not think a single eight or twelve-page paper per month can do that. Thus, we invite you to visit us online often at thesouthwester.com, Facebook, or on Twitter (@thesouthwester). Outreach is a form of engagement, and they say, it takes two to tango. So reach out to us and tell us what you want and expect from us going forward. Together we will build our community of the future...

Famous Building at Fort McNair Restored and Rededicated

Located on Ft. McNair, one of Southwest's most historic buildings was renovated, restored, and rededicated in a ceremony on April 3. Formerly known as "Building 20," it was renamed Ulysses S. Grant Hall in honor of the General-in-Chief of the Union Army during the Civil War, who became the 18th President of the United States, serving from 1869 to 1877.

The building became the focus of national attention in 1865 when the trial and sentencing of eight

of those implicated in the assassination of President Lincoln was held on the third floor in a newly prepared courtroom. Four of the conspirators were hanged at gallows constructed outside the building. Mary Surratt was one of those hanged, and through the years there have been countless accounts from those who claimed to have felt her spirit in the building.



Col. Fern Sumpter with ANC Commissioners and SWNA's President outside Grant Hall after the dedication and ribbon-cutting. (From left to right, Ron McBee, Kael Anderson, Roger Moffatt, Col. Sumpter and Andy Litsky.) Photo by Perry Klein.

New, Free Legal Clinic Opens at Friendship Baptist Church

The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia announced that it has received an extraordinary, multi-year donation from the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP which will enable it to establish a new site located at Friendship Baptist Church. The firm has committed \$125,000 per year for a minimum of five years, in addition to attorney and legal assistant staffing to this exciting partnership, which will allow Legal Aid to expand its presence into Southwest DC, reaching low-income residents who may not otherwise have access to legal services.

The project was born from a vision of Reverend J. Michael Little, Senior Pastor of Friendship

Baptist Church. In 2008, Reverend Little, himself a law school graduate, approached Kirkland & Ellis with the idea of bringing free legal services to the Southwest quadrant of the city, which previously had none. Reverend Little recognized a need for access to justice in the Southwest community, and his idea was that a "circle of friends" might be formed between the church and the private legal community. Reverend Little along with Kirkland & Ellis founded a non-profit organization called "Jeremiah's Circle of Friends," and began operating the "home grown" legal clinic out of the church. For three years, the clinic was funded by the Kirkland Foundation, and Kirkland attorneys

and legal assistants volunteered thousands of hours assisting hundreds of underserved individuals through the clinic.

"The JCF clinic was a resounding success," says Kirkland partner and JCF founder Jennifer Levy. "We became so convinced of the need in this community, that in late 2012 we approached Legal Aid with the idea of bringing their 80 years of knowledge and experience together with our grassroots project, and this terrific project was born."

The office opened its doors under the new name Legal Aid Society of the District of Colum-

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New Neighborhood Association Formed in Southwest

By Bob Craycraft

In the rapidly evolving Southwest quadrant of DC, the newest entity to take shape is an affiliation of six homeowners' associations – the Waterfront Gateway Neighborhood Association. Bound by 4th and 9th Streets SW, I (Eye) St SW, and the I-395 Freeway, Waterfront Gateway includes nearly 600 households in both town home and high-rise living at Capitol Square Townhomes, Town House Management (THM) I, II, III, and IV, and Town Square Towers.

The association has set three broad objec-

tives: To advocate at the District and Federal levels for the interests of its members; to promote the neighborhood as a unique destination midway between the National Mall and The Wharf waterfront development; and to explore cost-sharing and quality of life opportunities amongst the six associations.

Advocacy should be familiar to the new group, as a current and three previous ANC Commissioners all live within Waterfront Gateway's boundaries. The group also has seats on The Wharf's Neighborhood Advisory Board and the new Southwest Business Improvement Dis-

trict (BID) Organizational Task Force. "I'm really excited to see my neighbors coming together to work cooperatively," said Townhouse Management II homeowner's association president Heather Foley. "We're literally surrounded by development on all sides and the Waterfront Gateway Neighborhood Association will give us the common voice we've lacked as relatively small HOA's." Ward 6 Council-member Tommy

Wells agreed. "I'm delighted to welcome the Waterfront Gateway Neighborhood Association. An amazing group of neighbors have developed a shared vision and shared energy to work together to improve their neighborhood – and it is the 'gateway' to Southwest DC."

The group has also launched a website at www.dewaterfrontgateway.org and maintains a Facebook page called "DC Waterfront Gateway."

NSWDP Celebrates Volunteerism

On a beautiful spring Saturday in March, local residents and members of the Neighbors of Southwest Duck Pond (NSWDP) organization descended on Southwest's favorite pond to clean and decorate the park in preparation for the turning on of the fountains and the naming their Volunteer of the Year. Blue skies and warm temperatures smiled on the efforts of the NSWDP group and many passersby in the hours leading up to the ceremony.

The pond, freshly refilled weekly and crystal clear, even saw the very early appearance of two ducks. This cheered up the participants and the many children who made their way to the event. To coincide with the National Cherry Blossom Festival, the trees around the Pond were festooned with Japanese style lanterns and parasols, lending a nice effect as they were made to be seen as floating on air.

Students from Catholic University, work-

ing on a project about the ongoing evolution of Southwest, happened upon the event and conducted interviews with several people who could speak firsthand to that subject.

At noon the fountains were turned on for the first time this season; the startled ducks promptly flew off but soon returned. Tom Sherwood gave a fine talk about the Park and praised the work of this and other volunteer groups. Longtime Southwest resident Olga Stopher was named Volunteer of the Year for her tireless work last year in helping to keep the park clean and coordinate the volunteers. Previous recipients Susan Yount and Carol Hedgpeth were on hand speaking to the continuity of the effort. District Employee of the Year was awarded to Anne Phelps, from the office of Councilmember Tommy Wells. Community leaders from SWNA, the ANC, the National Cherry Blossom Festival committee, and DPR Park Partners lent their presence as well.



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THURS 2 @ 8 -9:30 A.M. Councilman Tommy Wells office hours, Channel Inn Café, 7th & Water St SW.

FRI 3 @ 6:30 P.M. St Augustine’s Game Night. 6:30 potluck, 7:00 games. Bring a potluck dish to share. Board and card games provided, but feel free to bring your own games too. All ages welcome. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St SW, 202-554-3222, www.staugustinesdc.org or rector@staugustinesdc.org

SAT 4 @ 12 P.M. DAV Auxiliary, Federal Unit #1 meets at DAV Headquarters, 801 Maine Ave SW. This meeting is open to family members of military veterans. For more information, please contact Commander Gloria Simon, ghs919@msn.com or 202-554-0573.

SAT 4 @ 12-2 P.M. SW ArtsFest Annual Meeting Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW.

SAT 4 @ 3-4 P.M. Walk a Sacred Path. The LABYRINTH opens the first Saturday of each month. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW. The Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool for meditation, prayer, inner guidance, and contemplation. Walking guides will be present to answer questions. www.westminsterdc.org

SAT 4 @ 4-5:30 P.M. Experience Yoga Nidra Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation with the opportunity to set your intention. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email:wilsonpj108@verizon.net

MON 6 Sweeny Todd featuring Brian Stokes Mitchell. In anticipation of the singer/actor’s May 12th Kennedy Center concert, the SW Library will present a screening of this 2002 Stephen Sondheim festival performance from the Washington Performing Arts Video Archive (WPAVA) collection.

MON 13 @ 7-10 P.M. ANC6D Monthly Public Meeting, 1100 4th St SW, DCRA Hearing Room on 2nd floor.

SAT 11 @ 10:30 A.M. Family Storytime, SW Library. Enjoy

Community Calendar

View our on-line calendar at www.swdc.org/calendar.

stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities, suitable for toddlers and preschoolers from 18 months-3 years of age.

WED 15 @ 7 P.M. “Muslim Journeys: Malcolm X, Master Teacher” Professor Peter Bailey will be sharing his memories and reflections on the life and work of Malcolm X during his time at the Organization for Afro-American Unity. SW Neighborhood Library.

FRI 17- ALL DAY National Bike to Work Day

SAT 25 @ 1 P.M. Kitchen Table Book Discussion, SW Neighborhood Library. Copies of the May title, “The Prince” by Niccolo Machiavelli, are available for checkout at the library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

AARP-SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT CHAPTER 4751, 12 NOON, Third Wednesday of each month, except June, July and August. River Park Mutual Homes community room, 1311 Delaware Ave SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Evelyn Dorsey, Dorseydear@aol.com or 202-488-9685.

AEROBICS WITH Ms. Dee, 6:30-7:30 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, at King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW, FREE

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW. Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5.00. Food for sale.

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GIRLS SCOUTS Troop #4298 WEDNESDAYS, 5:30-7:30 P.M., ages 5 to 12. King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW. Call: 202-570-4475, Email: girlscoutsswdc@gmail.com

HAND DANCING CLASSES, SATURDAYS, 12-2 P.M., Jitterbug and Lindy Hop Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children 8-17.

CHRIST UNITED Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW, Community room off Wesley Place SW.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, SATURDAYS, 12:30-3:30 P.M., Mr. Zeke is teaching 18 years and older, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW. FREE

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, FRIDAYS, 6-9 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street SW. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M., every first and third Monday, Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th Street SW.

NARFE-THE NATIONAL Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, 12:30-2:00 P .M., every fourth Thursday, September through May, at SW Neighborhood Library.

POLICE SERVICE AREA 105, Community meeting, 7-8:30 P.M., every Third Thursday, Location announced at previous meeting.

POLICE SERVICE AREA 106, Community meeting, 10-11 A.M., every Last Saturday, Senior Citizen Community Room 900 5th St SE.

PRE SCHOOL STORYTIMES, 10:30-11:30 A.M., Tuesdays and Thursdays, featuring stories, songs and fingerplays, suitable for children 18 mos.-3years. SW Neighborhood Library.

SEATED YOGA, 11:00-Noon on Mondays, and Wednesdays 4-5 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster’s Wellness program.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, **8:30 P.M.,** Mondays, St. Augustine’s Church, 600 M St SW, 202-554-3222.

SOUTHWEST SEWING GROUP, 9:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M., Mondays, St. Augustine’s Church, 600 M St SW, Contact Mary Henderson at 301-336-9058. Open to all interested in working on their own sewing projects and/or machine sewing skills. Mondays, except June, July and August.

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M., Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB, 7-9 P.M., First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW. 202-863-0564

WEDNESDAY EVENING CHESS, 6:30-8:30 P.M., SW Neighborhood Library.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW, **4 P.M.** Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wi e). **5 P.M.** Tai Chi (Manifest Ra). **5:30 P.M.** Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi).**6:45 P.M.** Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). **7 P.M.** Narcotics Anonymous SW Freeway Meeting.

JUNE

SAT 1 @ 1:30-4 P.M. DC Department of Health’s Animal Health Fair, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW. Free vaccinations, dog licenses, emergency preparedness, learn about animal laws, ask the veterinarian. For more information call 202-535-2323.



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movies. It’s her belief that kids feel most comfortable while participating in such activities and are more likely be open to discussing teen issues, such as bullying. April believes that regardless of the adults’ opinions on teen issues, as parents there is one point on which we should all agree: no person should be subject to the hostility and hate that many teens are forced to endure via bullying. As parents, all can agree that children deserve our unconditional love, and they must

be taught to treat everyone with kindness.

Ronald and April have been married for over 25 years. Coach Horse is a recently retired DC Fire Fighter of twenty-plus years and April is a US Postal worker. They are the proud parents of three sons, two of whom followed in their fathers footsteps and became Fire Fighters. Coach Horse has also guided several former sports players and Southwest residents to seek out careers as Fire Fighters (T.O. Williams, Jarvis Hopkins, Raymond Brown, Perrier Mays, Marcel Bolden, the late Kobe Mercer, and many others). There is a profound twist to this couple’s ability to give

back to the community. Over the years they have opened up the doors of their home for the kids in the Southwest community for overnight gatherings, as well as fostered over 15 kids in their home, and they recently adopted a son. Their example of giving back to the Southwest community should be a inspirational motivator for all parents to volunteer and multiply such efforts. It is with pleasure that we honor these community heroes as they gracefully carry out the work of saving our kids.

March Southwest Real Estate Update

By Jason Martin

Some months you just scratch your head, it seems very strange that the month over month stats of March 2012 versus 2013 are so similar. Interest rates continue to remain low giving buyers and sellers confidence in the local market.

	Mar-13	Mar-12	% Change
Sold Dollar Volume	\$3,449,177	\$3,478,000	less than 1%
Avg Sold Price	\$246,370	\$248,429	less than 1%
Median Sold Price	\$224,888	\$240,500	-6.49%
Units Sold	14	14	0.00%
Avg Days on Market	73	89	-17.98%
Avg List Price for Solds	\$257,112	\$255,129	less than 1%
Avg SP to OLP Ratio	90.9%	97.6%	-6.83%

—Courtesy of Jason Martin, a real estate professional & resident of Southwest.
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Southwest's newest directions landmark, at the corner of 4th and G St SW, is located in front of one of our neighborhood's longest operating dentist offices (1967). Constructed by resident dentist Dan Jones, this recently installed bike rack is ready to serve all of Southwest's residents and workers. Why not stop by and lock up this coming May 17th for Bike To Work Day!

National Bike to Work Day: May 17th

By Elaine Graves

In celebration of the fact that May is National Bike Month, inhabitants of the DC metro area are encouraged to participate in the annual Bike to Work Day. Started in 1956 by the League of American Bicyclists, Bike to Work Day is an effort to get commuters across the nation to try out a healthy and safe alternative to driving. Biking cuts down on pollution and also encourages physical fitness. Last year over 12,000 people took part in this event throughout the Metropolitan Washington region. This year, the event will

be held on Friday, May 17th. There are also 70 pit stops around the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area where riders can take a break and enjoy refreshments, food, and prizes. The closest pit stop to Southwest will be located at Canal Park at 2nd St and M St SE. For Southwest residents who want to partake in the festivities but don't own bicycles, there are nine Capital Bikeshare stations in Southwest between, including stations at 4th and M St SW, The Wharf, the Jefferson Memorial, and the Air and Space Museum. For more information, check out <http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/>.

A Day of Celebrations at St. Augustine's

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, D. Min., Episcopal Bishop of Washington, will make her first visit to St. Augustine's on May 19th. She will be the celebrant and preacher during the 9:30 a.m. service, followed by a Q&A session with the congregation after the service, and ending with a simple potluck luncheon and a meeting with the church's vestry. For the past several years, the church has recognized the Sunday closest to May 17th as the date to honor the life and legacy of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall who attended St. Augustine's. May 17th is the passage of the historic 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Educa-*

tion landmark Supreme Court decision argued by Marshall which declared segregation in public schools unconstitutional, and is the date assigned to recognize his Christian ministry of Civil Rights in the Episcopal Church's Liturgical Calendar "Holy Women, Holy Men." Lastly, May 19th is the Day of Pentecost (Greek for the fiftieth day), celebrated seven weeks after Easter Sunday, and in the Christian church is called the "birthday of the church." St. Augustine's Episcopal Church is located at 600 M Street, SW. For further information, contact rector@staugustinesdc.org, or phone: 202-554-3222. All are welcome.

Kastles Add WTT MVP Martina Hingis to All-Star Roster

The Washington Kastles made a major move during the Mylan World Team Tennis Draft, signing the reigning WTT Female MVP and former World No. 1 Martina Hingis for the 2013 season. "I am really excited about joining the Washington Kastles," said Hingis. "Washington is a great city and the Kastles have a fantastic fan base. I can't wait to get started in July."



with a match against the New York Sportimes on July 8th at Kastles Stadium. With victories at home on July 8th and 9th, Washington would set the all-time record for the longest winning streak by a major U.S. pro sports team. It promises to be a momentous week for Hingis personally as well. At just 32 years old, the Swiss superstar will be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame on July 13th before representing Washington in its final nine matches of the regular season

Joining Hingis at Kastles Stadium at The Wharf will be Venus Williams, Leander Paes, Bobby Reynolds, Anastasia Rodionova and Coach Murphy Jensen – all returning from the 2012 Kastles team that completed a second consecutive perfect season and captured a third WTT championship. "On paper, this is the best team the Washington Kastles have ever assembled," said Coach Jensen. "I also see it as the best team ever put together in WTT." The Kastles have won 32 straight matches entering their 2013 season, which kicks off

July 15-24. She is also available for the playoffs, which will be held at Kastles Stadium between July 25-28 if Washington finishes the regular season with the best record in the Eastern Conference. As a member of the Sportimes, Hingis ended each of the last two seasons as WTT's highest-ranked women's singles player, posting a combined singles record of 20-4. She has defeated 12 current Top 200 players since 2011, most

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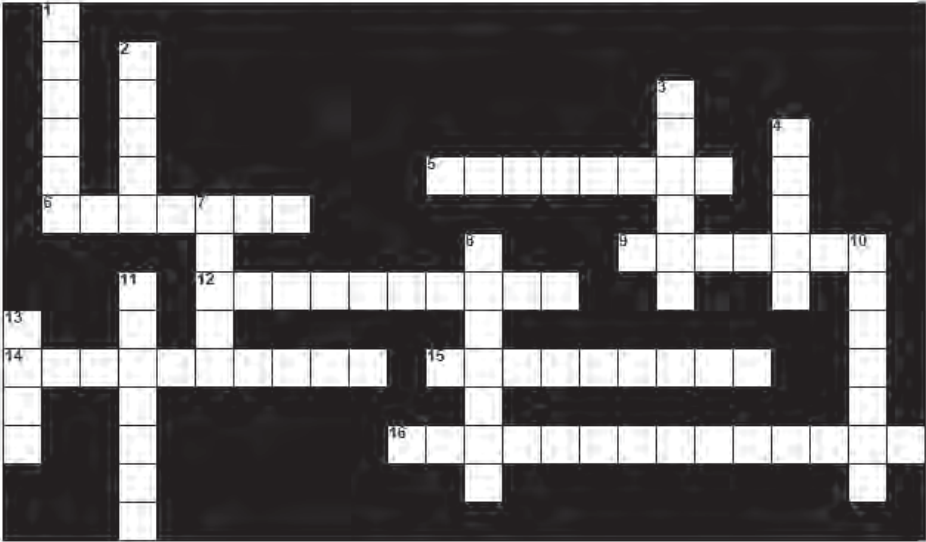
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The Roots to Perform at Kastles Stadium

Legendary, Grammy Award-winning hip-hop band The Roots will celebrate their 25th anniversary with a special concert at 6pm on Saturday, June 15th, at Kastles Stadium at The Wharf (800 Water St. SW). The showcase event will be held as part of the 2013 DC Jazz Festival (DCJF) and will feature opening act Snarky Puppy.

"We are thrilled to partner with the DC Jazz Festival and the Washington Kastles to bring one of the most beloved live bands in America to the nation's capital for a very special performance," said Erik A. Moses, managing director of Events DC's Sports and Entertainment Division. "The

Roots are the perfect complement to this year's Festival, and we look forward to a memorable performance."

"Hosting showcase events like this at Kastles Stadium at The Wharf is core to our Kastles' mission of bringing our community together and creating a center of great activities," added Mark Ein, Washington Kastles owner. "I know people from throughout our region will love the show."

The brainchild of childhood friends Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson and Tariq "Black Thought" Trotter, The Roots was named one

of the greatest live acts by Rolling Stone Magazine. In addition to serving as the house band for Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, the band hosts sold-out jam sessions across the country, collaborates on new works for contemporary performances (Lincoln Center, BAM, Kimmel Center), and consistently produces Grammy-nominated albums.

"We are excited to play the DC Jazz Festival," said The Roots. "It's great when we can get together and play music from our musical roots to an audience that can actually receive it! We are thrilled to be there."



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Arena Stage to Put On "Other Desert Cities"

By Sheila Wickowski

The Wyeths – Lyman, a movie star turned ambassador, and his wife Polly, a Hollywood screenwriter turned G.O.P. grande dame – gather to enjoy Christmas in their luxurious Palm Spring enclave with their son, Trip, a TV show producer, and Polly's sister, Silda. Everything changes with the arrival

Want To Go?

WHAT: Other Desert Cities

WHERE: Arena Stage

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of their daughter, Brooke, who has just sold her second book revealing a family scandal about her dead brother. The air chills and the desert oasis is no longer a safe haven as the family's painful secrets are exposed. Once again reality, or the perception of reality, threatens a dysfunctional American family in this drama which has received critical acclaim nationwide.

"Show Boat" Live Broadcast at Nationals Park

By Sheila Wickowski

WHAT: "Show Boat" – the musical masterpiece about a troupe of riverboat performers on the Cotton Blossom as it travels the Mississippi – will be broadcast live from Kennedy Center Opera House to Nationals Park as part of WNO's annual M&M'S® Opera in the Outfield.

WHEN: Gates open at 5 pm, Saturday, May 18th. Show starts at 7 pm.

WHERE: Nationals Park outfield.

DETAILS: Fans can attend this free community event to watch the opera on the ballpark's high-definition screen. Seating will be available on the outfield grass (weather permitting) and in the stands. The M&M'S® Opera in the Outfield features "pre-game" activities, giveaways, and other entertainment. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy the festive ballpark atmosphere.

BACKGROUND: Magnolia, Gaylord, Julie, Queenie, and Joe navigate the trials of show business, love, and loss in a landscape overshadowed by racial inequality while singing classics like "Ol' Man River," "You Are Love," "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man," and "Bill" in the Washington National Opera's spectacular production.



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bia SW at Friendship Baptist Church (900 Delaware Ave, SW) at 9.30 a.m. on Emancipation Day, April 16, 2013. The site will maintain walk-in intake hours from 9:30am to 12:30 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. In addition to providing financial support to Legal Aid, Kirkland attorneys and legal assistants will continue to staff the site under Legal Aid's management, and continue to provide advice and representation to clients needing legal assistance.

Eric Angel, Executive Director of DC Legal Aid, notes that "Kirkland's multi-year commit-

ment to Legal Aid and this project are unprecedented in our more than 80 year history," adding that, "This new project will enable us to make justice real for hundreds upon hundreds of additional DC residents. We are delighted to have the opportunity to expand our presence into a new quadrant of the District."

"Looking forward," Reverend Little affirms. "I remain committed to my belief that there are two things no one should ever be deprived of: equal opportunities for self-fulfillment, and access to justice." He adds, "Friendship has always sought to give voice to the needy, and lend a hand of support in the struggle for justice. I'm grateful to God for Kirkland's and Legal Aid's huge commitment to this dream."

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KASTLES

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notably shocking World No. 1 Serena Williams 5-3 two summers ago.

Hingis becomes the sixth Kastle in the franchise's six-year history who has been ranked No. 1 in the world, following in the footsteps of the Williams sisters, Paes, Rennae Stubbs and Victoria Azarenka. Hingis' 15 Grand Slam titles bring the 2013 Kastles total to 51, led by 22 major championships from Venus Williams.

With the Kastles' winning streak in jeopardy, Venus has twice rallied Washington from six games down, most recently saving four match points in an unforgettable comeback against Hingis and the Sportimes. Venus returns to the Kastles lineup this season for matches on July 9th and 10th.

She will reform her mixed doubles partnership with the 2009 and 2011 WTT Male MVP Leander Paes, who is back for his fifth campaign with the Kastles after a superb season in 2012. The Indian star went 10-2 in men's doubles and 9-3 in mixed doubles for Washington, highlighted by a crucial win with Venus during the WTT Finals.

"Some of the things that we've done at The Wharf have been the greatest memories that I've ever had," said Paes. "I'm really looking forward to coming back, not only to win our fourth championship, but to defend our home court."

Despite Paes' impressive numbers, it was his Washington teammate Bobby Reynolds who earned 2012 WTT Male

MVP honors. Reynolds returns to DC July 8-24 after going 12-4 in both singles and doubles last season, leading the Kastles to four victories while Paes prepared for The Olympic Games in London.

"The support from the fans in DC and the buzz that surrounds the Kastles are amazing to be a part of," said Reynolds. "I look forward to those three weeks all year long."

Rejoining Reynolds and Paes is Anastasia Rodionova, who finished 2012 as WTT's highest-ranked mixed doubles player with a 7-1 record. The second-year Kastle should relish the opportunity to share the same side of the court with Hingis in women's doubles.

"She was the smartest player on tour," Rodionova said in a recent interview. "She never had huge power and couldn't hit the ball as hard as some of the players do, but she knew how to play the game and she had amazing results."

Among the players lining up to end Washington's unbeaten run is former US Open and Davis Cup champion Andy Roddick, who will lead the Springfield Lasers into DC on July 11.

With an all-star roster, historic streak, and back-to-back championships on the line, the 2013 Kastles season is one you won't want to miss!

Visit WashingtonKastles.com for more information and call the Kastles at 202-4-TENNIS (483-6647) if you have any questions about the upcoming season.

FUTURE

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neighborhood, in a contemporary museum located at the old Randall School inside the Southwest community where co-operative development will bring new and dynamic ways to think about our world.

Since the Randall School on I Street SW was closed in 1978, it has been been a homeless shelter, studio space for artists, and the planned site for the Corcoran Gallery of Arts' College of Art. The Rubells had already re-done the old Capitol Skyline Hotel, filling the lobby full of contemporary art and furniture, and now host an annual contemporary international art fair there each fall. After the Rubells acquired the school, they hired architect Bing Thom, the designer of the Arena Stage, to create the museum in the old school house as well as design co-located restaurants and apartments.

Mera's plan for the core use of the Randall School is an intern program – probably three months long – in which Southwest teenagers could enroll. They would learn about art, but they would also experience what it is to talk about the range of emotions that is unspoken about that art. Docents at museums are usually unpaid, older, mostly retired people who are there to help and to explain the museum and its collections. Interns in most museum art training programs are art majors and graduate students. What Mera is offering is something totally different. The interns would be trained as art companions to visitors to the city who want to experience Washington's incredibly rich collections. Their training would not be the conventional sort of pedantic instruction, rather they would be immersed in art experiences where they would be in dialogue with art works, exploring ways to look at it and converse about it. The experience they would provide for visitors would not be to give "just the facts," but also for both to share what their feelings and thoughts are about the works. Also, the interns would be paid for this service.

In short, the interns would be "Culture Navigators" who would be knowledgeable in art. They would

be up-to-date on what is the best tour route through the current multiple exhibits in the Washington area, exhibits which often have interesting connections to each other. They would engage in a dialogue about these works in which the visitor would be able to express their personal experience with the art they are viewing.

Mera explained that the idea behind the Culture Navigator was planted during her first teaching experience with Head Start in 1964. "I had no idea that it would lead to my own, together with my family's, development of a public/private museum in the Wynwood area of Miami for the last 20 years. Our partnership with Miami's public schools has given us access to exposing thousands of kids to the language of art. We have come to understand that art is a necessary and vital tool in the development of citizens for a democratic society. And above all, it's a language that respects the emotional, cultural, sexual and creative identity of others."

Engaging with a work of art is a power that transforms the activity of imagination. Art touches every area of our life. As a visual catalyst for communication, when ignited by a conversation between a viewer and a knowledgeable guide, it becomes a memorable and unique moment. The art intern program for Southwest youths to be "Culture Navigators" is the heart of the plan that includes local artist space, cutting edge exhibits from around the world, a theater for experimental videos, and talks with visiting artists. Admission to the collection would be free with a nominal charge for special exhibits. The Museum would be the heart of a re-invention of the community center as an expansive complex that would feature approximately 550 apartments (with 20% affordable), a culinary center, and cafes with outdoor seating.

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